

TRAPOLIN RAPS MARCELLO ANEW

Stresses Cosa Nostra Theme in Talk

The name Carlos Marcello came up again Thursday night as "head of the (Cosa Nostra) in this entire area" in a speech by Ivor Trapolin, chairman of the recently dissolved Mayor's Advisory Committee on Crime and Delinquency.

Trapolin, in his continuing campaign to show that organized crime flourishes in New Orleans and Louisiana, drew quotes from a number of reputed authorities on the subject to stress his point, as he addressed the Police and Firemen's Branch of the Holy Name Society at the Police and Firemen's Hall, 411 N. Rampart.

The New Orleans' attorney pointed out that "in 1967 President (Lyndon B.) Johnson's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice listed Louisiana as one of the nine states where the Cosa Nostra (the largest organization of criminal underworld) is most powerful."

McCLELLAN REPORT

Quoting a report to Congress by U. S. Sen. John McClellan of Arkansas last March, Trapolin said that Louisiana was listed as "one of seven states where the Cosa Nostra crime syndicate is the strongest" and that Carlos Marcello, who resides in Jefferson Parish, was named as "head of the syndicate in this entire area."

Marcello was also named syndicate "boss of this town" by Owen A. Neff last May, then special attorney in charge of the Organized Crime Division of the United States Justice Department in this area Trapolin said.

"Life Magazine in its Sep/1, 1967, issue," Trapolin added "stated, ' . . . New Orleans

where the Cosa Nostra is ruled over by Carlos Marcello . . . (and) Marcello's realm extends from the Ozark foothills to the Mississippi Delta, and within the realm his power is majestic."

WADE IS CITED

"Gen. David Wade, director of Louisiana Public Safety, said on June 24, 1969," Trapolin continued, "that 85 per cent of Louisiana's organized crime was entrenched here in New Orleans since the late 30s."

Trapolin, saying that there "could be no question that organized crime exists in New Orleans" and that "it has made substantial inroads into our community's economy," contends that nothing has been done about it.

Trapolin urged that "there should be now as never before a real awakening of our citizens to the problems of organized crimes."

NAMES AREAS

Trapolin named what he contends are the areas where organized crime operates and its major sources of income:

1. Gambling: A) Bookies, B) Pinball.

"The members of the Cosa Nostra control all but a tiny part of illegal gambling in the

United States,'" Trapolin said, quoting the President's Commission.

Giving statistics, Trapolin said that illegal pinball industry operates more than 1,000 machines in New Orleans which have an estimated gross of some \$20 million annually.

2. Narcotics:

"Dr. Eugene Usdin has reported that marijuana and LSD are used by students at every high school in New Orleans and as high as 10 to 20 per cent of the student body at some schools," Trapolin said. He also estimated that there are at least 1,500 heroin addicts in the city and quoted the national authorities as saying that a her-

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oin addict steals \$40,000 a year to feed his habit.

Two other fields where organized crime is thriving are loan sharking and legitimate business. Referring to the latter, Trapolin said, "It is no secret that the Cosa Nostra has made real gains in the acquisition in New Orleans of motels, sightseeing tour services, night clubs, taverns, bars, food wholesaling, juke box and vending

machine distribution and many more businesses."

To combat organized crime, Trapolin stressed, the police department needs the tools to work with and the support of both city officials and the general public. Without the latter, the policeman is critically handicapped, he said.